# Kerang Primary School 1410 News





Our Values: Compassion Accountability Respect Inclusiveness Nurture Gratitude

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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. We would also like to pay our respects to their Elders, past and present and emerging

### Important Dates

November 1: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday December 6: Pupil Free Day

#### Hi Every-One

It certainly is strange times.

- Covid Lockdowns
- Covid Isolations
- Staff Shortages
- Flooding Evacuations/Isolations/School Closures
- Remote & Flexible Learning
- Cancellations
- Different way of doing things.

And the list goes on.

But.... These little stumbling blocks will not deter us from providing a viable & meaningful education for your students. Throughout these recent & current hurdles to schooling the staff at Kerang Primary School have remained positive and dedicated to the learning of your students. And they all fully appreciate the support you as parents provide them and your children.

Staff have made learning activities for your children to work on at home. I encourage you to work on some of these with your children when you get an opportunity. The Kaleidoscope program supplied by Rebecca is excellent for our P-4 students and well worth doing.

Staff are also making regular contacts with families and I urge you to use these contact situations in a positive way to support your children and also you as a carer.

The Education Dept. are working on a number of resources to support students & families during this crisis in both material needs (food/clothing/learning materials) and wellbeing needs. If you feel you require some of that support please do not hesitate to have that conversation or ask to be passed on to me.

We as a staff really feel for everyone who has been affected in some way by the recent floods and school closure. Our thoughts are with you all.

Regional Principals met with the Dept. yesterday and there is still no definite date on when Kerang Schools will reopen. We are hoping very soon but it is all dependent on road access into the town. You will all be advised immediately that notification comes through.

While we await for this slow moving body of water to pass through our area I only ask for you to remain positive within yourself and be supportive to each other.

Take care and stay safe.

**Brent Taylor** 

# <u>Billy Tea Bush Band</u> <u>Postponed until further notice.</u> <u>Future Pupil Free Days in</u> <u>Term 4</u>

**Monday October 31<sup>st.</sup> Pupil Free Day.** - Staff Consultative Meeting Day & 2023 School Structure Planning. This day will now be subject to when school re-opens after the flood evacuation order is lifted. Watch this space.

#### <u>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day</u> <u>Public Holiday.</u>

<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Pupil Free Day</u> – Staff report writing day.

\*2023 Prep enrolments are now being taken.\*

Enrolment packs available from the school office.

Enrol your students at Kerang Primary School because you know you want to!

# School Approved Sun Hats

# Compulsory in term 4 for outside activities.

New hats are available from the school uniform store at \$10 each. Please ensure each hat is clearly named.

# **New Fitness Stations**

The new Fitness Station Equipment to be installed around the running track has understandably been postponed. We are assured it will happen as soon as contractors can get back in to Kerang.

If you have any concerns or queries at all about your child's schooling. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or to contact the school. You may do this by contacting the office during business hours.

Mr. Taylor. Principal.

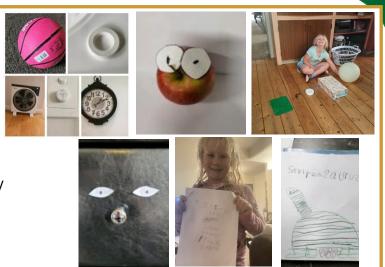
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## Amazing Prep ....

It hasn't been the same, not having the Preps all at school and busy working in the classroom. Despite this, it has been so great to see some of the work coming through from home learning this past week! We also had some excellent "eye-bombing" creations, and I especially loved the animal creation by Harrison this week – a Stripeasaurus!

Thank you everyone for continuing to answer my check-in calls.

Take care and stay safe! See you all soon, from Mrs Du Preez



# Magical 1/2

As we go through another unpredictable time it has been encouraging from our check in phone calls that most families are coping well and are safe.

As we don't have a definite date that we will be returning to school we ask that students just do what they can with their learning. Learning grids are being emailed out and students can attempt the activities they are able to do. For

# Grade 2/3/4 ....incredible!

It has been really nice to catch up over the phone with families and we are glad you are all doing well during this time.

While at home it would be great if students could keep reading each day and write this in their diary and get it signed, we will catch up on Dojo points for this reading the students can read any materials they have at home and if students have access to the internet they could use the website 'abcya'. This site has reading material and a mixture of word, maths and activity games. Remember you can only do the best you can and we look forward to seeing all the students back at school.

Mr A, Mrs Mac, Mrs Dee.

when we get back to school. You can read a book you have at home, log on to epic or Herald Sun Kids. Just a reminder to keep an eye on your emails for any work we send out and if you could please accept our Class Dojo request.

Stay safe and well

Miss Janelle, Mrs Tieppo and Mrs Lake



### 5/6 Brilliant !!!!

Greetings from the other side of town Dawn aka Mrs Morris and I hope you are all doing well under the current circumstances. We are both isolated out of town and living on farms surrounded by loads of mud, water and wet, however we are still okay Mrs Morris has been busy baking and sandbagging for days on end and we all cannot wait for school to return so she can share her yummy delights!!!!!!!

In relation to learning, I have emailed out a learning grid and some fun things to keep the fundamentals of learning happening. I cannot stress enough that if you are able to and without causing or placing any further duress on your family, encourage your child to read a few minutes each day, write something each day no matter what it is, and if possible get them to make some of their own maths equations that we were so heavily doing and mastering every day at school; just so as they can keep themselves remembering and practicing. (Could look online).

Monday I will email out to you some more I earning things to start off the week.

I have rang every family and either spoke with you all or left messages. I am contactable every day as I am still continuing to work from home.

Unfortunately, I had to deliver some sad news to all Grade 6 children yesterday explaining that our Grade 6 camp has been cancelled. This makes me incredibly sad for the students. Mr T and myself have had a meeting and decided that we will make sure we sort something out for you later on in the term, even though it won't be in the capacity of a camp is please if you have any issues with this then feel free to contact myself or Mr T.

Thanks to Blake for sending in videos of the learning activities he has been doing – amazing work!!!!

I will leave you with a photo of Mrs Morris's baking!

Please take care of each other and I hope to see you all very soon.

Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Morris



### Blake's work...

Once upon a time there was a ghost. This ghost loved to scare people. Then one day he got scared by a human and he said "I am NEVER going to scare any one again "but he scared more people so he lied about what he said before.

The end.



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**Child Safety** Kerang Primary School is committed to Child safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a primary concern. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. To ensure the safety and best interests of all students, we take into account the needs of those with an Aboriginal or Torres strait Islander heritage and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.